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SUBJ: NIEMEIRI REBUTS CRITICISM USG ASSISTANCE

1. DURING A PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AL-SAHAFI ON JUNE 22, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE FACT THAT, THOUGH GOS-USG DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAD BEEN RESTORED, USG ASSISTANCE IS NOT OF THE MAGNITUDE ANTICIPATED. THE PRESIDENT'S

DETAILED COMMENT IN REBUTTAL FOLLOWS:

2. "THE RESTORATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH AMERICA WAS NOT STIPULATED ON THE BASIS OF ASSISTANCE AND WE HAVE NOT EXPLOITED ANY OF OUR POSITIONS IN OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FROM ANY COUNTRY, WHATEVER ITS POTENTIALITIES AND POSSIBILITIES WERE. AMERICA WAS HELPING THE SUDAN BEFORE THE RESTORATION OF RELATIONS ACCORDING TO THE ASSISTANCE PLAN OF ITS GOVERNMENT AND, AFTER THE RESTORATION OF RELATIONS, IT CONTINUED TO PROFFER SUCH ASSISTANCE ACCORDING TO ITS PROGRAMS. I OBSERVE THAT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE FOLLOWS A SPECIAL ROUTINE AND IS SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS AND LAWS TO WHICH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED WHICH RESULTS IN THE ARRIVAL OF AID IN THE BENEFITING COUNTRY BEING DELAYED CONTRARY TO THE HOPES OF THIS COUNTRY, BUT I DO NOT OBSERVE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS

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REDUCED ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE SUDAN. THE UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA HAS REDUCED FOREIGN AID IN GENERAL FOR REASONS
CONNECTED WITH ITS INTERNAL ECONOMIC POLICY."
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